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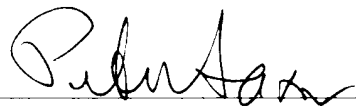
The claims are 1-4 with claims 5-16 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-3 were amended to resolve minor informalities unrelated to patentability.

In response to the outstanding restriction requirement Applicants have elected Group I, claims 1-4 and have cancelled the non-elected claims, claims 5-16, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to their subject matter.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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